IDA G. RUBEN, Democrat, District 20, Montgomery County. House of Delegates, 1975-87; chair, Montgomery Co. Delegation, 1981-87. Member of Senate since 1987; Budget and Taxation Committee (subcomm. on public safety, transportation, economic development, & natural resources), Executive Nominations Committee; Legislative Policy Committee; Joint Budget and Audit Committee; Special Joint Committee on Economic Development Strategy (chair, advisory subcomm. on services), 1989; Joint Committee on Education Funding, 1990. Chair, Montgomery Co. Delegation. Convention chair, National Order of Women Legislators, 1980; past pres., Women Legislators of Md. Born and attended public schools in Washington, DC. Past pres., international bd. member, treas., vice-pres., B'nai B'rith Women. Past commissioner, National Anti-Defamation League (national adv. comm.). Governor's Motor Carrier Task Force for Safety and Uniformity, 1989; NCSL Assembly on the Legislatures; Committee on Suggested State Legislation and Task Force on Growth and Transportation, Council of State Governments; Montgomery Co. Ad Hoc Committee to Study Status of Women; Child Support Enforcement Advisory Council. Md. Democratic Party Ethics Committee. Democratic precinct chair, 1967-74. Democratic clubs. Active in all national, State & local election campaigns since 1963. Woman of Valor award, R'nai R'rith Women, 1992. Married; four sons. District office: 11 Schindler Ct., Silver Spring 20903; tel. (301) 439-2332. Annapolis office: 204 James Senate Office Bldg., 21401-1991; tel. (301) 858-3634.

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